SUBJECT No. 68.

Remission of assessment.

(a) Messrs. C. Guru Rao, Nanjangud Taluk; Veerappa Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk; Krishnappa, Bagepalli Taluk; M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality; and Shanbhog Ramappa, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The question of granting remissions of assessment on lands under tanks in years of deficient rainfall was represented often and last year Government were pleased to reply that the proposal would be considered and orders passed. The subject is urged again for early orders of Government.

Mr. Ramachar said that His Highness the Maharaja had, during his recent visit to the Kolar District, stated in reply to an address that it was not possible to issue any general rules in the matter, but that in any case where, owing to failure of sources of water-supply due to breaches of tanks or other causes, relief was necessary, it would be given. In view of His Highness assurances given in the speech, he would not further press the subject. The members were thankful to Government for the consideration shown but desired that in seasons of scarcity the Deputy Commissioner should be given discretion to grant remissions and suspend recovery of assessment.

(b) Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk; and

Mr. Vembar Venkata Narasimhachar, Tumkur District Board.

(*b*) Lands irrigated by talaparige, jopu and halla water have natural sources of irrigation without the outlay of any capital by Government. It is prayed that in times of scarcity remission of half the assessment on such lands may be ordered.

(c) Deputy Commissioners to grant remissions.

(*c*) Deputy Commissioners and, subject to their approval, Jamabandi Officers may be empowered to pass final orders as to remissions as in His Majesty's territories, when either no crop is raised or dry crops are raised on wet lands for want of water-supply in the tanks or other sources on which they are dependent.

(d) Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk.

(*d*) In the case of lands irrigated from wells no distinction was made and they were assessed with wet rates like other lands dependent on tanks.

Reply of Government.—(*a*, *b* and *c*). Final orders have been passed in the matter in Government Order No. R. 1241-2—L. R. 331-04-6, dated 10th August 1907.

When relief is decided upon in any case, steps will be taken to see that it reaches the raiyat in time.

(*d*) The rules of 1902 make very liberal concessions regarding the assessment of well-irrigated lands. In the case of self-dependent wells, the lands are merely charged with dry rates.

SUBJECT No. 69.

Mohatarfa on huts.

Messrs. Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It was represented last year that poor villagers should be exempted from the payment of mohatarfa; and the Government were pleased to reply that the question would be considered in connection with the revision of the mohatarfa rules. The disposal of the